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PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY (PENZANCE DIVISION).

Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report for the year ending
31st December, 1971.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1971, in compliance with Ministry of Health Form Port 20.

SECTION 1 - (STAFF)

No change.

SECTION 11 - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT
WITHIN THE YEAR
TABLE 'B'

Ships from	No.	Net Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships inspected as having or having had during the Voyage Infectious Disease on Board
			By M.O.H.	By Public Health Inspector	
British Coastwise	305	158,198	7	18	} Nil
Foreign Coastwise	145	77,000	20	6	
Foreign Fishing	288	-	27	81	
British Fishing	134	Locally registered craft.			

SECTION 111 - CHARACTER OF TRADE AND SHIPPING
DURING THE YEAR

Character of Shipping - This has not changed appreciably in the course of the year, but there is a steady decline in the number of Coastwise vessels using Penzance Harbour commercially. However, and not included in the above figures a total of 77 vessels have used Holmans dry dock for ship repairs and survey in the course of the last year. The majority of these are of British or Irish registry, but 2 Dutch and 1 French vessel received emergency repairs. The total tonnage is approximately 350,000. The only passenger traffic remains that to and from the Isles of Scilly.

Character of Trade - This has not changed appreciably, and it is noted that a certain amount of direct coal imports from Continental Europe now takes place from Penzance. Exports from Newlyn of crushed stone to Continental Europe have approximately doubled in the course of the last year. The decline in the total number of foreign fishing vessels using Newlyn Harbour, and in particular landing fish at Newlyn, continues to decline, but the total activity in the fishing market is static or slightly increasing.

TABLE 'C'

Passenger Traffic - This is now running at a total of approximately 40,000 day visitors to the Scilllys and an approximate like number of longer stay visitors.

Carro Traffic - Principal Imports - Was character of number above.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

None

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

No change

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952

No change

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Cases of Smallpox (and all other convention diseases) are now disposed of under the direction of the County Medical Officer of Health, and would be accommodated in isolation facilities at the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treliske, Truro.
2. Ambulance Transport and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews are the responsibility of the Cornwall County Council.
3. The County Medical Officer of Health - who has a panel of four Consultants - would be requested to supply the services of a smallpox consultant.
4. Facilities for the Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox are available at the Royal Cornwall Hospital(Treliske, Truro).

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

The incidence of venereal disease has been approximately static, and follow-up arrangements are still unsatisfactory, and such treatment as is available here, other than on the days upon which a local Venereal Disease Consultant is available, can only be of a "hit and miss" nature. The closest co-operation is maintained with not only the Penzance, but neighbouring clinics, but this only offers the most rudimentary of cover.

SECTION IX - NOTIFIABLE OR OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

One case of tuberculosis in a Bermese seaman was noted and landed for treatment.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

Nil return

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

Nil return

SECTION XII - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Arrangements have now been made in conjunction with the Truro and Falmouth Port Health Authority for the issue of de-ratting and de-ratization exemption certificates as required, this will be on an ad hoc basis. Arrangements to be made directly by the shipping agents with the Port Health Department at Falmouth. Ships visited by the Rodent Operator 23
31 premises in the dock area have also been visited and treated as required.

TABLES 'E' and 'F'

Nil returns

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE 'G'

INSPECTION OF NUISANCES

	Nature and No. of Inspection	Notices served Statutory Notices	Results of Serving Notices
Ships from Foreign Ports	3		
Coastwise Ships	6		
TOTAL	9		

Unsatisfactory accommodation was observed on two ships of Irish registry calling at Penzance for dry docking. The attention of the master of the ~~ships~~ ^{repairers} was drawn to this on each occasion, and as the defects were added to the list of repairs it was not necessary to serve statutory notices. In each case the ~~mess~~ ^{defects} were put right in the course of general ship repairs.

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SMELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1938

Not applicable

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Not applicable

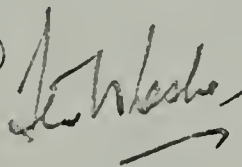
SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

Nil return

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant.

(signed)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. W. Wedderburn", with a horizontal line underneath.

